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SUBJ: KAUNDA'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGES ON NAMIBIA

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DEAR MR SECRETARY OF STATE;

I HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED YOUR RECENT MESSAGES ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA. I AM GLAD THAT THERE IS SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES WHICH HAVE CREATED PROBLEMS FOR SWAPO IN MAKING A FINAL DECISION. AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE WAITING FOR THE RETURN OF THE SWAPO, PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA. FORTUNATELY YOU HAVE MET HIM RECENTLY AND, THEREFORE, YOU KNOW THE STICKING POINTS WHICH NEED TO BE CLOSELY LOOKED AT. WE HAD SO FAR BEEN WAITING FOR THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO RESPOND TO SWAPO'S DEMAND ON THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE COMMUTING OF DEATH SENTENCES OF THOSE AWAITING EXECUTION. IN YOUR LATEST MESSAGE, IT SEEMS THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL NOW RELEASE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. NO INDICATION IS MADE ON DEATH SENTENCES. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS BE MADE CLEAR TO SWAPO.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES FROM NAMIBIA. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO STATE ITS AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW BEFORE OR UPON AGREEMENT ON NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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I BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MADE SOME PROGRESS IN

THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON NAMIBIA. WE WILL STAY IN CONTACT, ESPECIALLY  
AS I AM MEETING MY COLLEAGUES TOMORROW, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17,  
1976.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
KENNETH KAUNDA  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

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